

COVID-19 to meet strict health and safety guidance that ensures American children are kept safe from the virus.

H.R. 7327 makes critical investments in the long term needs of child care providers and expands the availability of high quality child care in our country. It provides funding to states for existing child care programs, invests in child care infrastructure, and fills in gaps in child care for essential workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also makes the Child and Dependent Care tax credit fully refundable and creates new tax credits for employees and employers to access child care.

Together, these bills will address one of our nation's enormous challenges—access to high quality, affordable child care. I'm proud to support both H.R. 7027 and H.R. 7327 and I urge my colleagues to vote for them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Thursday 7/23 due to a previously scheduled minor medical procedure.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 157, NAY on Roll Call No. 158, NAY on Roll Call No. 159, NAY on Roll Call No. 160, and NAY on Roll Call No. 161.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN STEPHANIE DUARTE, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Stephanie Duarte, Ohio National Guard, 237th Brigade Support Battalion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people in our communities rose to high occasion to support those in need—nurses and doctors turned into family for patients and their loved ones, neighbors turned into delivery services and PPE manufacturers, and National Guardsmen turned into hunger lifelines. Cpt. Duarte was one of those tireless servants.

Cpt. Duarte serves as Officer in Charge at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio in my district. As COVID-19 surged and job security waned, many were forced to turn to local food banks for the first time. Understanding this harrowing position, Cpt. Duarte ran into action without hesitation. Among many notable efforts in this assignment, she helped to organize, coordinate, and implement Second Harvest's No Touch Drive Thru Mobile Pantry distribution. This process remains instrumental in efforts to feed the overwhelming demand of new families in need of assistance, and in an expedited means. Her strategic leadership was invaluable in developing and implementing such a monumental challenge. Because of her dedication, the people of Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties were given food and more importantly, hope.

On August 7, 2020, Cpt. Duarte will depart from her duties at Second Harvest Food Bank as she moves onto a new assignment with the Ohio National Guard. Her unparalleled leadership and keen sense of intellect and duty will not be forgotten. Her system and capable guidance has ensured that the remaining guardsmen can continue the mission without hesitation or interruption. That is a sign of true leadership, mission above self. We wish her all the best as she continues to serve her country.

Captain Stephanie Duarte, a hero during one of America's darkest hours. The people of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, Ohio, and America owe her a debt of gratitude. God-speed, and I thank Cpt. Duarte for her enduring spirit and service.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2420. This bill would direct the Smithsonian Institution to create a National Museum of the American Latino. This museum would highlight the important contributions made by Latinos and Latinas throughout the history of the United States.

As a Texan, I have seen firsthand the contributions made by Latino Americans through science and culture. The history of Texas is intertwined with contributions made by people of Latin origin. From their role in Texas declaring its independence from Mexico, to the food we eat and the music we listen to today. Simply put, my state would not be where it is today without these individuals and their cultural influences.

For too long, we have failed our brothers and sisters in the Latino community by not giving them the space to share their journey through the history of our country. In fact, it is likely that anti-immigrant voices that arise from some corners of our country are there simply due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of the roles Latino Americans have played throughout the history of the United States and the impact that they have on our culture today.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that the National Museum of the American Latino will provide clarity to all Americans on the important role of Latino Americans in our American story. I hope this museum will also allow the over 58 million Latinos and Latinas that call the United States home to remember and celebrate how their values, culture, and heroes are also those of this country.

JED LADD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jed Ladd for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Image Award.

A staple in our community, Jed is known by friend and colleagues as someone who cares very much about the City of Arvada and who has a great sense of humor. In his role at the Lamar Street Center, he helps promote the 9Health Fair as well as volunteers for multiple local causes. He's always looking for new ideas and ways to help out fellow neighbors.

He also owns Laddy's, a local restaurant, where he holds the claim to fame for Arvada's Shortest Parade to celebrate the sidewalk he was required to put in outside the restaurant. He was required to put in a sidewalk.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jed Ladd for this well-deserved award and appreciate his contribution to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably absent for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, while I unfortunately was unable to attend the vote series on July 27, 2020 due to events in my district, I would have strongly supported S. 2163, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act. I was proud to have previously voted for this legislation on June 25, 2020, as part of the JUSTICE Act. I believe we must continue to address inequality, expand opportunity and prosperity for Black men and boys in our country, and make the American dream accessible to all.

REMEMBERING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ENTREPRENEUR AND PUBLIC SERVANT WILLIAM COLE, JR.

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize, Mr. William Paul Cole, Jr. Paul was born to William Paul Cole, Sr. and Harriet Foote Cole on December 21, 1931, in New York City, New York. However, Bluefield, West Virginia, is where the Cole Family planted its roots and where Paul grew up. Paul started serving the Bluefield Community in his adolescence and teenage years by working alongside his father and grandfather at the Cole family-owned West Virginia Hotel. Entrepreneur and Community leaders themselves—Paul's father and grandfather taught him the beginnings of business management, entrepreneurship, and public service; skills he would cultivate throughout young adulthood, which lead to many successes later in life.